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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2003, Paper No. 4, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Figures 1-3; or
- II. Figures 4 and 5.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I illustrated in Figures 1-3. Applicants believe that Claims 1-5 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1-4 are generic. Applicants also request that the

non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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